

February 2013

The Windline

Susquehanna Valley Chapter - ATOS

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A 501(c)(3) corporation dedicated to the preservation and presentation of Theatre Organs. Proudly supporting the Mighty Wurlitzer Pipe Organ at the Capitol Theatre in York, PA

February 25, All Day Open Console Capitol Theatre, York

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**The Allen Theatre's custom digital organ
Story on pages 2 & 6**

HOWIE'S CORNER:

Our next event is another open console scheduled for February 25th. The deadline for signing up to play is February 18th. Please notify Don Schoeps by that date at 717-254-6097 or email him at dchoeps@aol.com.

The video about the Atlantic City Convention Hall Organ, "The Senator's Masterpiece," will be presented at our March meeting with commentary and additional pictures taken by Ray Brunner during his visits to Convention Hall. This is an excellent movie about the largest pipe organ ever built. You won't want to miss it!

We have a change in our May meeting location and time. Instead of meeting at the Capitol on our usual meeting night, we will have the very special debut of the custom digital theatre organ in the Allen Theatre in Annville, PA. at 2:00 PM on SUNDAY MAY 12TH (Mother's Day). Don Kinnier with the help of Connor Ream and Glenn Thompson took a used Rodgers console which was rescued by Gary Coller and Bobby Lilarose and converted it into a custom digital organ similar to a 3/10 Wurlitzer. With the financial help of Dean Faulk, Judy Townsend, Skip Hicks and others Don was able to complete this project and move the organ to the Allen Theatre. The organ sounds terrific and completely fills the theatre (see photos of the new organ in this newsletter). The Allen Theatre was beautifully restored in the art deco style by owner Skip Hicks and is located at 36 East Main Street, (Rt.422) Annville, PA (1/2 block east of the square) www.allentheatre.com. Adjacent to the theatre is MJ's Coffeehouse, which opens at 11:30 AM where you can get a light lunch, snacks, deserts, and coffees. Don Kinnier will present the program, so come out and enjoy this new venue and bring your Mother along for a special Mother's Day treat. We will also have a very brief annual meeting before the program. We have received a check for \$100.00 from the estate of Charles Edwin Stricker. Mr. Stricker was a former member of SVTOS and passed away on May 29, 2012. We are very sorry to learn of his passing but are grateful that he remembered us in his will.

The contracts are signed for the Mark Herman public concert to be held at 3:00 PM on Sunday June 2, in the Capitol Theatre. The tickets will be sold through the Strand-Capitol box office and the price will be \$14.00 with a 10% discount on 10 or more tickets. The box office will accept credit cards and will either hold the tickets for pickup on the day of the concert or mail them for a \$2.00 fee. They will go on sale starting March 1, 2013, and starting at our March meeting SVTOS members can sign up for the quantity that they want and we'll purchase a block of tickets and take advantage of the discounted price of \$12.60. I plan to have the flyers printed next month and available at the March meeting. Also we will be looking for potential sponsors and donors to help defray some of the costs.

The Matching Scholarship Fund is still about \$180.00 short of its goal, so there is still time left until June to make that tax deductible contribution for this year. And remember, your contribution is DOUBLED thanks to a very generous donation from one of our members.

The 2013 ATOS convention will be held in Atlanta, GA, from Tuesday July 2 – Friday July 5, 2013. The artists and venues are listed in the latest "Theatre Organ Journal" and on the internet at <http://atosatlanta2013.org>. It promises to be a great convention again this year with premier artists and organs. Check out the Journal or the website for more details.

Barry



"Capitol Idea"

CDs are still available for sale.

Sam Groh has them available at every meeting.

Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society Program For 2012 - 13 Season

All meetings are at the Capitol Theatre, York 7:00PM unless stated otherwise

February 25, 2013	All day Open Console—contact Don Schoeps-717-254-6097 DSCHOEPS@aol.com
March 11, 2013	Video: Atlantic City Convention Hall Organ Presented by: Mr. Ray Brunner
April 8, 2013	Show Case - Michael Britt
May 12, 2013 2:00PM	Don Kinnier at the newly installed <u>Allen Theatre custom digital organ</u> Allen Theatre, 36 East Main St, Anville, PA Brief Annual Meeting (see pg >>>>>>)
June 2, 2013 3:00PM	PUBLIC CONCERT—MARK HERMAN—Capitol Theatre, York
June 10, 2013	Show Case - Justin LaVoie
August 2013	Annual Picnic, date TBD

Events Calendar

Feb. 17 3:00PM	Tedde Gibson, -Rice Auditorium, Free State Theatre Organ Society
Feb. 17 3:00PM	Michael Britt "From Carmen to Buster Keaton," Brown Memorial Park Avenue Presbyterian Church, in Baltimore. 1316 Park Avenue (see page 5)
Feb 17 4:00PM	Phantom of the Opera Silent Film, Tom Trenney TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH , 2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill, PA (see pg 7)
March 9, 7:00 PM	Simon Gledhill at Dickinson HS, Wilmington, DE
April 27-28	Pipe Organ Extravaganza, JATOE, Joliet Illinois, see page 5

FOR SALE: Rodgers "Marquee" 3 manual theatre organ with 2 speaker cabinets owned by the late William Roth, Jr - \$1,200.00. Buyer must remove from it current location in Seaville, NJ (or) FREE to any church or non-profit organization. The only requirement is to provide a receipt to the donor.
For more information contact Robert L. Roth at (850)-623-2301 or (850)-377-3954.

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND MATCHING CHALLENGE:

One of our members has generously offered to match all contributions to the Scholarship Fund up to a total of \$1000 by the next Summer!!!

Double the power of your contribution!

Scholarship Fund

A Scholarship Fund has been set up to provide money for talented young organists to attend the ATOS Youth Summer Camp. To make your tax-deductible contribution to this fund, make your check payable to SVTOS, note "Scholarship Fund" in the memo line and send it (or give it) to our Treasurer, Roy Wainwright, 2897 Olde Field Dr., York, PA 17408-4256. If you would like more information about this scholarship fund and/or possible candidates, please call Barry, (717) 274-2254, or email Pres@SVTOS.org. **These contributions are now tax-deductible!**

You can also contribute via PayPal on our web site www.svtos.org

Justin Nimmo sent us this link to a very interesting YouTube video of Martin Ellis playing and giving a tour of the WurliTzer in the Hilbert Circle Theatre in Indianapolis. You may remember that Justin played for SVTOS in June 2012, and he works for Carlton Smith who restored and installed the instruments. This is one of the organs that will be featured during the 2014 ATOS Convention in Indianapolis. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LNh7_8AWwoc&feature=em-share_video_user

An old man lay sprawled across three entire seats in the movie theater.

When the usher came by and noticed this, he whispered to the old man,
"Sorry sir, but you're only allowed one seat."

The old man just groaned but didn't budge.

The usher became more impatient.

"Sir, if you don't get up from there I'm going to have to call the manager."

Once again, the old man just groaned.

The usher marched briskly back up the aisle, and in a moment he returned with the manager.

Together the two of them tried repeatedly to move the old disheveled man, but with no success.

Finally they summoned the police.

The officer surveyed the situation briefly then asked, "All right buddy what's your name?"

"Fran," the old man moaned.

"Where ya from, Fran?" asked the police officer.

With terrible pain in his voice, and without moving a muscle, Fran replied, "The balcony."

MASONIC VILLAGE SCHEDULE:

Feb. 12, 2013 - Roy Wainwright

Apr. 9, 2013 - Herb Inge

June 11, 2013 - Gary Coller

Aug. 13, 2013 - Larry Fenner & Barry Howard

Oct. 8, 2013 - Gary Coller & Don Schoeps

CAPITOL MOVIE SCHEDULE:

December 23rd -Larry Fenner

January 6th -Barry Howard

January 20th -Don Schoeps

February 17th, -Roy Wainwright - "Route 30 Too"

March 3rd -Glenn Hough!

March 17th -Bob Pierce

April 7th -Herb Inge

April 21st -Gary Coller

May 5th -Glenn Hough

May 19th -Robert Carbaugh

All movies Sunday afternoon, 3PM, start playing 2:30PM

Contact Ken Kline @ 717-564-7513

or email kkline3217@comcast.net to sign up.

“EBULLIENT” MICHAEL BRITT ORGAN CONCERT TO INCLUDE BUSTER KEATON FILM

Organist Michael Britt will present “From Carmen to Buster Keaton,” an “ebullient” organ recital, on Sunday, February 17th at 3 p.m. as part of the Tiffany Series at Brown Memorial Park Avenue Presbyterian Church, in Baltimore. Britt is Brown Memorial’s new Minister of Music and sub-dean of the Baltimore chapter of the American Guild of Organists. He will be playing the church’s 1930 Skinner Organ, Opus 839, IV/45.



The program includes “Fantasia on Carmen,” and Britt’s original organ accompaniment to the silent film classic “One Week (1920),” starring Buster Keaton. “One Week” will be projected on a screen at the front of the church. Also on the program are “Nimrod,” from Edward Elgar’s “Enigma Variations” and “Fantasy on Three Traditional Celtic Melodies” from Paul Halley’s “Outer Hebrides.”

Receiving its Baltimore premier at this concert is David Schelat’s “Organ Sonata,” which Britt commissioned in 2011. Schelat, Director of Music at First & Central Church in Wilmington, is Dean of the Delaware chapter of the AGO.

A frequent recitalist of classical organ music, Michael Britt is well known as a performer of theater organ music and is in demand throughout the country as a silent film accompanist, performing for chapters of the American Theater Organ Society and, several years ago, at the American Guild of Organists’ convention in Baltimore. He recently accompanied the silent film “Phantom of the Opera” at Princeton University Chapel for the fifth time. Britt has performed at the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris and studied at the Paris Conservatory with Marie-Louise Langlais.

JATOE 2013 Pipe Organ Extravaganza

SATURDAY - APRIL 27, 2013

Rialto Square Theatre - Joliet, IL

Jelani Eddington - Walt Strony - Zach Frame - Rosemary Bailey

7PM

All Tickets - \$30

Call Jim Patak for Tickets/Maps/Info at 708-562-8538

Tickets may also be purchased from the Rialto Theatre

Box Office - 815-726-6600

SUNDAY - APRIL 28, 2013

Walt Strony - Jelani Eddington

At

The Sanfilippo Mansion - Barrington, IL

Doors 12:30 - Concert 1pm

Concert and Dessert Buffet - \$60

If you buy your tickets for the Mansion before March 1, you can save \$5 - Cash or Check Only (made out to JATOE)

Call - Jim Patak - 708-562-8538/jpatak31@att.net

1406 Mandel Ave - Westchester, IL 60154

Brown Memorial is located at 1316 Park Avenue, in the Bolton Hill neighborhood of Baltimore.

Tickets are \$15 (\$5 for students) and are available at the door and online at: www.browndowntown.org

Parking will be available. The church is wheelchair accessible.

For more information, please call 410-523-1542 or email: info@browndowntown.org.

The Allen Theatre Organ



Looking Great!!

Photos:
Mark Ream & Don Kinnier

Installation Crew

“If we just tweak this setting.....”



Many thanks to:

- Gary Coller and Bobby Lilarose for rescuing the original Rodgers from a sentence of death by dumpster and schlepping it back from Middletown, Delaware in Bobby's notorious 'organ getting' pickup truck;
- Connor Ream who wired a portion of the Artisan uMidi system, taught the internal computers to think and supported the project with both his money and astonishing enthusiasm;
- Glenn Thompson who wired the piston rails (and as always was really good company.)
- Dean Faulk for not only his financial support but for providing the truck for the move
- Skip Hicks, owner of the Allen Theater for footing the bill for the Sub-Woofer System and for his undying delight in theater organs;
- the many others who tossed some money into the pot for this project and lastly and firstly to my sweet wife Judy who has put up with me working the hundreds of hours to design and construct 'that which was not there' in the empty shell of the Rodgers.

The instrument has been reborn as a 3/10 Wurlitzer V.T.O. using Artisan midi and Hauptwerk voices. The Rodgers plates have been removed and replaced with Wurlitzer plates, although as you can see from the photos it is a rather non-traditional Wurli.

-Don K

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill, PA
Presents:

the original silent film classic....

The Phantom of the Opera

starring Lon Chaney



Shown on a 16 foot screen, this timeless film classic, full of unprecedented thrills and chills, will be brought to life by virtuoso organist Tom Trenney from Lincoln, NE, who will be providing improvised organ accompaniment using the colorful sounds of Trinity's 2001 Schlueter/Walker organ. An unusually dramatic, theatrical feast for ear and eye!

Sunday, Feb. 17, 2013 * 4PM
Free admission!

www.trinitycamphill.org

FREE

- 3 tickets to the Dick Smith concert at Dickinson High School on April 27, 2013
- contact Barry Howard (717) 274-2254

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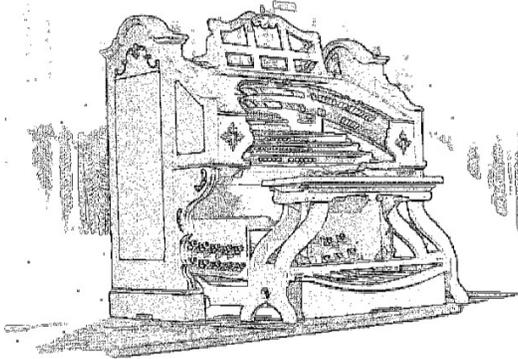


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Important Upcoming Events Capitol Theatre, York

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